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Bill Supported by Texas Students to Improve Campus Sexual Assault Reporting

AUSTIN, TX – On Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 A.M., Senator Sylvia Garcia will host a student-led press conference announcing SB 962. The bill will require all Texas public colleges and universities to establish online reporting systems for survivors of sexual assault. Importantly, it would create minimum standards to ensure that these systems are survivor-centered and trauma-informed. These standards are the result of input from student leaders from colleges and universities across the state. SB 962 would empower survivors to securely record time-stamped and uneditable details and evidence about what happened to them in whatever manner they see fit - videos, photos, in writing, etc. These minimum requirements also ensure that survivors are the primary owners of these documents. Student leaders from University of Houston, Texas State University, Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, and Texas Tech University have confirmed attendance at the press conference.

Details: Wednesday, March 1st, 2017, 10:00A.M. in Senate Press Room, Texas State Capitol, Room 2E.9.

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State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia represents Senate District 6 and serves as Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.